P. O. Box 200901 • Helena, MT 59620-0901 • (406) 444-2544 • Website: www.deq.state.mt.us

PPL COLSTRIP TOUR NOVEMBER 9, 2005

Call to Order

The Board of Environmental Review's Colstrip tour began in a conference room at the Colstrip facility at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Attendance

Board Members Present: Chairman Joseph Russell, Robin Shropshire, Bill Rossbach, Kim Lacey, Gayle SkunkCap and Don Marble

Board Attorney Present: None

Board Liaison Present: Tom Livers, DEQ Deputy Director

Board Secretary Present: Joyce Wittenberg

Court Reporter Present: None

Department Personnel Present: Richard Opper, Director; John North, Chief Legal Counsel; Art Compton, Planning Division (PPAD) Administrator; Bob Bukantis, PPAD; Christian Levine, PPAD; George Mathieus, PPAD; Tom Reid, Permitting & Compliance Division (PCD); Roger Godfrey, PCD

Interested Persons Present (*Disclaimer: Names are spelled as best they can be read from the official sign-in sheet.*): Jay Littlewolf, Northern Cheyenne Tribe; Tom Ebzery, Puget, PacifiCorp, Avista & Portland General Electric; Don Quander, Holland & Hart; Clair Johnson, Billings Gazette; Various PPL Personnel

BER PPL Colstrip Tour Minutes November 9, 2005 Page 2 of 2

Tour of Colstrip Power Generating Facility

Gordon Criswell introduced PPL staff and provided a safety orientation and other safety information for those participating in the tour.

Mr. Criswell provided a Power Point presentation about the Colstrip Steam Electric Station, which provided information about the ownership of Colstrip as well as some facts and figures about the units. He said all the coal burned at Colstrip comes from Colstrip. He showed a flow diagram of how Colstrip generates electricity and explained the processes involved. He talked about the steam generators, turbine generators, circulating water systems and scrubbers, and emissions control.

Mr. Criswell talked about the future of the facility and mercury control. He said Colstrip did some initial mercury testing in 1999 on unit three, and that they have a plan to start retesting in a lot more detail on all four units next year.

Mr. Criswell responded to questions.

Participants were divided into smaller groups and were given tours of the facility. The Board was not in quorum during the tours.

Mr. Criswell talked about a coordinated effort for an ambient air monitoring station on the Cheyenne Reservation. He responded to questions about mercury numbers and further discussions took place.

Chairman Russell called for public comment. No one responded.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Board of Environmental Review November 9, 2005, tour minutes approved:

JOSEPH W. RUSSEI	L, M.P.H.
CHAIRMAN	
BOARD OF ENVIRO	NMENTAL REVIEW
	_
DATE	